



DATE: December 9, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #4

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Manny Hernandez, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Monthly Staff Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report

Updates

Halsey House Feasibility Study

The results and recommendations on the Halsey House Feasibility study that was initiated by the Friends of Redwood Grove is on the December 8, 2016 City Council agenda for Council review.

Know Your Parks Contest Certificate Presentation

Last month, staff submitted a nomination form to the Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Joint Community Volunteer Service Awards, nominating the Monkey Sock Toy Makers for their years of selfless work in the community. The Monkey Sock Toy Makers have received an award for their efforts at a luncheon on December 4th at the Crown Plaza Cabana Hotel in Palo Alto.

Senior Program Thanksgiving Luncheon

Over 50 seniors attended the Senior Program Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, November 20. Turkeys, gravy and stuffing were catered by Harry's Hofbrau and staff prepared salad, mashed potatoes and vegetables along with pumpkin pie. The seniors were also entertained by a marionette performance and a special turkey carving by Police Chief, Tuck Younis. About 12 volunteers assisted with lunch by helping prepare food, plate food and serve plates to seniors. Participants were very pleased with the event. For seniors, this event is most likely the only Thanksgiving meal they will have. They were very appreciative.

Camp Shoup Thanksgiving Camp

The Los Altos Recreation & Community Services Department provided their first ever Thanksgiving camp for kids who are on break the week of Thanksgiving held at the Underground Teen Center in Shoup Park. For three days – Nov. 23-25, kids played games, baked cookies and decorated them as well as participated in craft making and various other events. The camp reached capacity with 30 participants. There will also be two additional three- day camps provided for the week of December 21 and the week of Dec 28.

Gingerbread House Exhibit

The Recreation and Community Services Department held a Gingerbread House exhibit free of charge at the Hillview Community Center in Room 2 from November 30-December 5. Week day hours were from 8am-5pm and Saturday – Dec. 5th is from 10am-2pm. By popular request from the community, Saturday, December 5th was added for those people who could not make it to the display during the week. Community members provide unique and beautifully crafted gingerbread houses that are made only with food ingredients.

New Year's Day Fun Run

On New Year's Day, starting at 9am, the Recreation & Community Services Department holds the annual Fun Run. The run is a non-competitive 5K walk/run/roll that starts at the corner of Main and State streets. No pre-registration is necessary. This is a free event.